Would you say you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as President?

- Strongly approve: 13%
- Somewhat approve: 33%
- Somewhat disapprove: 19%
- Strongly disapprove: 27%
- Don’t know / refused: 7%

Would you say you approve or disapprove of the job Maura Healey is doing as Governor of Massachusetts?

- Strongly approve: 17%
- Somewhat approve: 37%
- Somewhat disapprove: 15%
- Strongly disapprove: 13%
- Don’t know / refused: 18%

Would you say you approve or disapprove of the job Elizabeth Warren is doing as Senator of Massachusetts?

- Strongly approve: 19%
- Somewhat approve: 32%
- Somewhat disapprove: 13%
- Strongly disapprove: 22%
- Don’t know / refused: 13%

Would you say you approve or disapprove of the job Ed Markey is doing as Senator of Massachusetts?

- Strongly approve: 14%
- Somewhat approve: 33%
- Somewhat disapprove: 12%
- Strongly disapprove: 14%
- Don’t know / refused: 27%

Would you say you approve or disapprove of the job the Massachusetts State Legislature is doing?

- Strongly approve: 10%
- Somewhat approve: 39%
- Somewhat disapprove: 18%
- Strongly disapprove: 12%
- Don’t know / refused: 21%

How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government in Washington to do what is right?

- All the time: 3%
- Most of the time: 14%
- Some of the time: 53%
- None of the time: 24%
- Don’t know / refused: 6%
How much of the time do you think you can trust the state government in Massachusetts to do what is right?

- All the time: 5%
- Most of the time: 32%
- Some of the time: 46%
- None of the time: 12%
- Don’t know / refused: 5%

What is one area where Massachusetts is leading the country as a whole? OPEN ENDOpen end.

- Education: 21%
- Healthcare: 16%
- Nowhere, Negative comment: 10%
- Civil Rights, Equality, Diversity: 9%
- Location: 8%
- Jobs, Economy: 7%
- Social Services, Welfare: 5%
- Taxes: 4%
- Gun Control, Crime, Safety: 3%
- Immigration: 2%
- Politics, Progressivism: 2%
- Other: 9%
- Don’t know: 13%

What is one area where Massachusetts is lagging behind the country as a whole? OPEN ENDOpen end.

- Housing, Homelessness: 17%
- Economy, Cost of living: 12%
- Taxes: 10%
- Transportation, Infrastructure: 9%
- Nowhere: 6%
- Location: 6%
- Government, Political culture (partisanship, transparency, efficacy): 5%
- Immigration: 5%
- Crime, Guns, Police: 3%
- Social services: 2%
- Everywhere: 2%
- Education: 1%
- Environmental protections: 1%
- Other: 10%
- Don’t know: 16%

Do you think Massachusetts’ best days are ahead of us, behind us, or happening right now?

- Ahead of us: 42%
- Behind us: 27%
- Happening right now: 10%
- Don’t know / refused: 22%
Do you think the United States’ best days are ahead of us, or behind us, or happening right now?

Ahead of us 28%
Behind us 48%
Happening right now 5%
Don’t know / refused 19%

Overall, how would you rate the quality of life for you and your family today?

Excellent 8%
Very good 24%
Good 36%
Fair 23%
Poor 9%
Don’t know / refused <1%

Overall, how would you rate the quality of life in Massachusetts today?

Excellent 7%
Very good 21%
Good 35%
Fair 26%
Poor 11%
Don’t know / refused 1%

Compared to other parts of the country, do you think the quality of life in Massachusetts is better, worse, or about the same?

Better 49%
Worse 14%
About the same 32%
Don’t know / refused 6%

For each of the following groups of people, do you think living in Massachusetts is better, worse, or about the same compared to elsewhere in the country?

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<th>GROUP</th>
<th>Better</th>
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In general, do you think Massachusetts should welcome people facing persecution and violence elsewhere, or not?

- Yes, we should: 41%
- No, we should not: 36%
- Don’t know / refused: 23%

Massachusetts is the only state in the country with a “right to shelter” law, which requires the state to provide shelter to families and pregnant women. Do you support or oppose this law?

- Strongly support: 45%
- Somewhat support: 31%
- Somewhat oppose: 10%
- Strongly oppose: 9%
- Don’t know / refused: 5%

Recently, thousands of migrants have come to Massachusetts, many of whom are currently being housed in the state’s emergency shelter system. Overall, do you support or oppose housing migrants in the emergency shelter system?

- Strongly support: 23%
- Somewhat support: 32%
- Somewhat oppose: 17%
- Strongly oppose: 23%
- Don’t know / refused: 5%

Since Roe vs Wade was struck down, people have come to Massachusetts seeking abortion services. Overall, do you support or oppose health providers in Massachusetts providing abortion services to people from out of state?

- Strongly support: 53%
- Somewhat support: 19%
- Somewhat oppose: 10%
- Strongly oppose: 10%
- Don’t know / refused: 9%

Do you agree or disagree with Governor Maura Healey’s statements that the state’s abortion laws are a competitive advantage in attracting people to Massachusetts?

- Strongly agree: 26%
- Somewhat agree: 32%
- Somewhat disagree: 13%
- Strongly disagree: 12%
- Don’t know / refused: 17%

Do you agree or disagree that the state’s commitment to LGBTQ+ rights is a competitive advantage in attracting people to Massachusetts?

- Strongly agree: 32%
- Somewhat agree: 33%
- Somewhat disagree: 8%
- Strongly disagree: 9%
- Don’t know / refused: 18%
Massachusetts spent $750,000 earlier this year on advertising in Texas and Florida portraying Massachusetts as a safe place for members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Do you support or oppose this advertising campaign?

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How do you think Massachusetts is doing compared to the rest of the country in each of the following areas?

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### Demographics

**Gender:**
- Man: 48%
- Woman: 51%
- Non-binary: 1%
- Some other way: <1%
- Don’t know / refused: <1%

**Age:**
- 18-29: 22%
- 30-44: 24%
- 45-59: 25%
- 60+: 29%

**Race:**
- White: 73%
- Black: 7%
- Latino: 10%
- Asian: 7%
- All other / multiple: 3%
- Don’t know / refused: <1%

**Party ID:**
- Democrat: 34%
- Republican: 14%
- Independent / other: 47%
- Don’t know / refused: 5%

**Education:**
- High School or less: 32%
- Some college, no degree: 26%
- College graduate (BA/BS): 24%
- Advanced degree: 18%
- Don’t know / refused: <1%

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**About the poll**

These results are based on a survey of 1,002 Massachusetts residents. Responses were collected by online survey October 16 - 20, 2023. The data were weighted to reflect known and estimated population parameters for race, age and gender, education, geography, and political identification. The credibility interval for this survey is +/- 3.4 percentage points for the entire sample, including the design effect. This project was conducted by The MassINC Polling Group and sponsored by CommonWealth Beacon.